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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS–Legislative Committee
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	03/25/2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Daniel Cooper, LPCMH, Presiding
Dr. Gregg Drevno, LPCMH (11:29 a.m. – 12:06 p.m.)
James Elder, LCDP

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

ALSO PRESENT

Jennifer August
Nicole Luther

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Cooper called the meeting to order at 11:14 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss and Compare Standards for the Art Therapy Credential Board

Ms. Singh advised the Committee that the issue before the Board is regarding art therapist licensure and if the Board would support such licensure.

Ms. Luther addressed the Committee and advised them that the NBCC is not accepting any art therapy courses and are not considering art therapy courses as counseling courses. Ms. August advised the Committee that out of the 30 art therapy programs, only one is CACREP accredited.

Mr. Elder inquired about the NBCC's past precedence on allowing art therapists to sit for the NCE exam. Ms. August and Ms. Luther advised the Committee that there are individuals who have art therapist degrees have the NBCC credential.

Ms. August suggested that since the members of the Board are appointed by the Governor, that perhaps the Board should recommend licensure for art therapists.

Ms. Singh advised Ms. August that the Board will not draft proposed legislation. Art therapists will need to contact a lobbyist. Once a draft is prepared, the Board will review the draft and may support the proposal.

Ms. August advised the Committee that she submitted Pennsylvania's statute referring to the exemption of art therapists. Ms. Singh advised the Board that the proposed statute would potentially allow art therapists to obtain LPCMH licensure. Ms. Singh suggested that the issue should go before the Board to discuss potentially licensing art therapists.

Ms. August discussed potential problems with individuals attempting to obtain licensure via reciprocity. Ms. August informed the Committee that there are twenty (20) individuals within the State who are art therapists, and approximately 10 are registered art therapists. She reported that Maryland has their own Board while others are combined with marriage and family therapists, and professional counselors.

Mr. Elder moved, seconded by Dr. Drevno, to recommend that the Board support art therapist licensure as a separate license under the jurisdiction of the Board of Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Professionals. Motion unanimously carried.

Discussion Regarding Proposed Statutory Revisions

Ms. Singh advised the Committee that there have been recommended changes from the Division of Professional Regulation to remove the ten (10) year provision for fingerprints. She also advised the Committee that Dr. Northey submitted statutory language from New Jersey regarding exemptions, which could be included in the proposed statutory revisions.

Mr. Elder advised the Committee that he reviewed the proposed statutory revisions, and according to the written language he has some concerns. He believes that there may be a small amount of practitioners who may be impacted with the proposal, such as parent-child interactive therapists, behavioral health consultants working within the schools, and LCDP's who use evidence based therapy.

Ms. Singh advised the Committee that two separate bills can be drafted, one to address practice protection, and the second to address all other changes. It was the consensus of the Committee to address this further during the March 25, 2015 Legislative Committee Meeting.

Public Comment

Ms. August advised the Committee that the Code of Ethics for art therapists addresses specific training, and if they are trained in specific areas, they can practice in such areas.

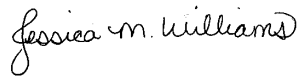
Next Meeting Date

The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2015 at 11:00 a.m., in Conference Room A, of the Cannon Bldg., 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware.

Adjournment

Dr. Drevno made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elder, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica M. Williams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jessica M. Williams
Administrative Specialist II